

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A synthetic resin container possessing a higher gas barrier property, and having a coating film possessing a higher gas barrier property and positioned on at least one of an inner surface and outer surface of the container body, characterized in

that at least said coating film comprises: an organic silicon compound layer positioned on the or each surface of the container body and including nitrogen, silicon, carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen; and a silicon oxide compound layer positioned on a surface of said organic silicon compound layer and including a silicon oxide compound as a main component.

2. (Original) The container of claim 1, wherein said organic silicon compound layer and/or silicon oxide compound layer is a vapor deposited coating.

3. (Currently Amended) The container of claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said organic silicon compound layer and/or silicon oxide compound layer has a refractive index in a range of 1.3 to 1.6.

4. (New) The container of claim 2, wherein said organic silicon compound layer and/or silicon oxide compound layer has a refractive index in a range of 1.3 to 1.6.